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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): A fastener-driving tool assembly comprising:

a fastener-driving member including a first end and a second end for driving a fastener, the first end of the fastener-driving member including a polygonal opening; ~~[[and]]~~

a coupling device including a first member and a second member, the second member having a polygonal first end securely engaged with the polygonal opening of the fastener-driving member and a second end, the first member including a first end for engaging with the second end of the second member and a second end, the second end of the first member including a polygonal engaging hole for engaging with one of an extension rod, a handle, and a polygonal first end of a second member of a similarly constructed coupling device; and

~~, with means for pivotally connecting the second first~~ end of the first member and the second end of the second member ~~being pivotally connected,~~ and for retaining ~~[[with]]~~ the ~~second first~~ end of the first member ~~being retained~~ in a desired angular position relative to the second end of the second member.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second end of the fastener-driving member includes a pair of spaced jaws.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second end of the fastener-driving member is a box end.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first member has a length that is smaller than four times of a width of the first member.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the polygonal opening of the fastener-driving member is square.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the polygonal engaging hole of the first member is square.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the polygonal first end of the second member is square.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second end of the second member is arcuate and includes a plurality of teeth on a periphery thereof, with a pin hole extending through the second end of the second member,

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with the ~~second~~ first end of the first member defining a space for receiving the second end of the second member and allowing pivotal movement of the second end of the second member, with a pin extending through the ~~second~~ first end of the first member and the pin hole of the second member.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein the ~~second~~ first end of the first member includes a pair of lugs that define the space therebetween.

Claim 11 (original): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 10, wherein a receptacle is defined in a bottom wall delimiting the space and includes a first section distal to the lugs and a second section, the first section having a diameter smaller than that of the second section, an elastic element and an actuating member being received in the second section of the receptacle, the actuating member including a first end received in the second section of the receptacle and a second end received in the first section of the receptacle, the first end of the actuating member including a toothed portion engaged with the teeth of the second member under action of the elastic element.

Claim 12 (original): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first member further includes a hole in a side thereof, with a bore being defined in a bottom wall delimiting the hole and communicated with the first section of the receptacle, a second elastic element being mounted in the hole of the first member, a push button including an enlarged head and a shank extending from the enlarged head, the enlarged head is biased by the second elastic element to a position outside the first member for manual push, the shank extending through the hole of the first member into the bore of the first member, the shank including a first recessed portion and a second recessed portion in an outer periphery thereof, the first recessed portion being deeper than the second recessed portion, the second recessed portion being biased by the second elastic element toward the second end of the actuating member;

wherein when the push button is not pushed, the second end of the actuating member is engaged with the second recessed portion of the push button, the toothed portion of the actuating member is biased by the elastic element to engage with the teeth of the second member, thereby retaining the second member in place; and

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wherein when the push button is pushed, the second end of the actuating member is aligned with the first recessed portion of the push button that is deeper than the second recessed portion, allowing the second member and the fastener-driving member to pivot relative to the first member.

Claim 13 (new): A fastener-driving tool assembly comprising:

a fastener-driving member including a first end and a second end for driving a fastener, the first end of the fastener-driving member including a polygonal opening; and

a coupling device including a first member and a second member, the second member having a polygonal first end securely engaged with the polygonal opening of the fastener-driving member and a second end, the first member including a first end for engaging with the second end of the second member and a second end, the second end of the first member including a polygonal engaging hole for engaging with one of an extension rod, a handle, and a polygonal first end of a second member of a similarly constructed coupling device, with the first end of the first member and the second end of the second member being pivotally connected, and with the first end of the first member being retained in a desired angular position relative to the second end of the second member, wherein the second end of the second member is arcuate and includes a plurality of teeth on a periphery thereof, with a pin hole extending through the second end of the second member, with the first end of the first member including a pair of lugs that define a space therebetween, with the space receiving the second end of the second member and allowing pivotal movement of the second end of the second member, with a pin extending through the first end of the first member and the pin hole of the second member, wherein a receptacle is defined in a bottom wall delimiting the space and includes a first section distal to the lugs and a second section, the first section having a diameter smaller than that of the second section, an elastic element and an actuating member being received in the second section of the receptacle, the actuating member including a first end received in the second section of the receptacle and a second end received in the first section of the receptacle, the first end of the actuating member including a toothed portion engaged with the teeth of the second member under action of the elastic element.

Claim 14 (new): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first member further includes a hole in a side thereof, with a bore being defined in a bottom wall delimiting the hole and communicated with the first section of the receptacle, a second

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elastic element being mounted in the hole of the first member, a push button including an enlarged head and a shank extending from the enlarged head, the enlarged head is biased by the second elastic element to a position outside the first member for manual push, the shank extending through the hole of the first member into the bore of the first member, the shank including a first recessed portion and a second recessed portion in an outer periphery thereof, the first recessed portion being deeper than the second recessed portion, the second recessed portion being biased by the second elastic element toward the second end of the actuating member;

wherein when the push button is not pushed, the second end of the actuating member is engaged with the second recessed portion of the push button, the toothed portion of the actuating member is biased by the elastic element to engage with the teeth of the second member, thereby retaining the second member in place; and

wherein when the push button is pushed, the second end of the actuating member is aligned with the first recessed portion of the push button that is deeper than the second recessed portion, allowing the second member and the fastener-driving member to pivot relative to the first member.

Claim 15 (new): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 13, wherein the second end of the fastener-driving member includes a pair of spaced jaws.

Claim 16 (new): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 13, wherein the second end of the fastener-driving member is a box end.

Claim 17 (new): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first member has a length that is smaller than four times of a width of the first member.

Claim 18 (new): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 13, wherein the polygonal opening of the fastener-driving member is square.

Claim 19 (new): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 13, wherein the polygonal engaging hole of the first member is square.

Claim 20 (new): The fastener-driving tool assembly as claimed in claim 13, wherein the polygonal first end of the second member is square.